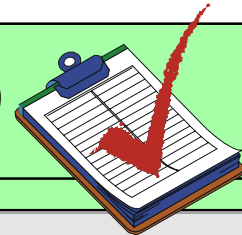


# CHS CHECKUP



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## NEWS BRIEFS


### PURCHASING TIP

Think before you make that purchase. Ask yourself, do you really need this item to do your job?

### HEALTHY BABIES

Gov. Paul E. Patton and actor-director Rob Reiner will kick-off the 2002 Healthy Babies statewide health information initiative on Tuesday, Dec. 4 in Lexington and Louisville.

The initiative is aimed at educating women about the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices during pregnancy. Besides a statewide advertising campaign and local education effort, all new Kentucky parents will receive a copy of the I Am Your Child Foundation's video "The First Years Last Forever" and a parent guide. This effort is a partnership between the Kentucky Hospital Association, Reiner's I Am Your Child Foundation and the state.



**TIP OF THE WEEK**

Some weather safety tips for dressing for cold weather include: Wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight clothing. Wear mittens instead of gloves. Wear a hat. Remember that entrapped, insulating air, warmed by the body heat is the best protection from the cold.

## Second Art Show At CHS

The Cabinet for Health Services is teaming up with the Lexington Art League for another art show November 27 through June 7.

About 26 pieces of framed art by Kentucky artists will be featured in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor lobby of the Human Resources Building in Frankfort.

The Lexington Art League is Lexington's oldest and largest member-based visual arts organization, with over 400 current members.

The purpose of the show is to showcase and promote the talent of Kentucky artists. The works of art are for sale and may be purchased directly by contacting the Lexington Art League at (859)254-7024. The Lexington Art League may also be contacted via their Website at [www.lexingtonartleague.org](http://www.lexingtonartleague.org).

Information sheets about the pieces of art and the artists will be available in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor lobby area or by contacting the Purchasing and Operational Management Branch at 564-6631.



**CHS employees Randy Ross and Becky McCoy view the artwork**

## Sarah Wilding Honored By Nurses Group

Sarah Wilding, Chief Nurse in the Department for Public Health, recently received the Distinguished Nurse of the Year, 2001 from the Kentucky Nurses Association (KNA).

"I am honored to accept this award on behalf of the Cabinet for Health Services and the Department for Public Health. It is a public recognition of the work we do to benefit the people of Kentucky," Wilder said.

The Distinguished Nurse of the Year award is given annually by the

KNA, honoring a nurse that has contributed uniquely to the improvement of health care in Kentucky. Nominations are solicited statewide and the award is announced at the KNA Annual Convention. The award plaque states "in recognition of outstanding contribution to the advancement of the nursing profession through leadership and nursing practice."

Wilding has worked to organize state and local public health nurses

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*"...promoting and safeguarding the health and wellness of all Kentuckians."*

### Renn Serving As Chair of Diabetes Council

Theresa Renn, coordinator of the Department for Public Health's Diabetes Control and Prevention Program, is currently serving as chairperson of the Diabetes Council. In 2000, she assumed the role of chair-elect of the Diabetes Council and will proceed to the office of past-chair in Feb. 2002.

The Diabetes Council is part of the Chronic Disease Directors formed in 1988 to address the increasing impact of chronic diseases such as diabetes, cancer, and heart disease on Americans.

The Diabetes Council works with representatives throughout the United States to share information and recommend public policy positions about diabetes prevention and control. Council members also evaluate relevant scientific and educational developments in the area of diabetes and their implications for diabetes prevention and control programs across the nation.

"It has been, and will continue to be, an honor and a challenge to participate in this important work," said Renn.



### CHS Evaluation Training Scheduled

Performance Evaluations are performed for all full time classified employees with status. It is required by regulation that employees receive orientation to the new performance evaluation system no later than 30 days after the initial probation period is completed.

**If you are a new CHS employee** and have not received orientation to the new employee evaluation system we urge you to join us! The orientation will be Dec. 12 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health Services Auditorium.

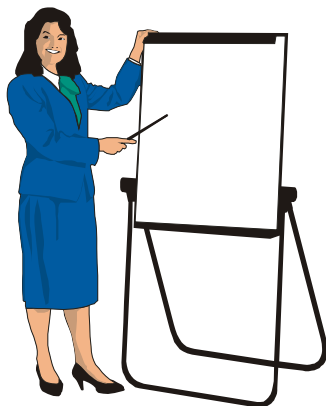
**If you are a new supervisor** and have not received the mandatory

evaluation training, **required prior to completing any annual evaluations**, we urge you to join us at one of the two sessions listed below.

The sessions will be on Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m. in the Health Services Auditorium.

To register send an email to

[CHSDCC@mail.state.ky.us](mailto:CHSDCC@mail.state.ky.us) or for more information contact the CHS Trainers using the global email list or by phone at 564-0036, Debborah Arnold (ext.3134) and Donna Clinkenbeard (ext.3972).



### Wilding Honored

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into a work group and to generate the public health practice document that outlines how local health departments operate. She has been active with the Kentucky Board of Nursing and the KNA.

Public Health Commissioner Dr. Rice Leach said, "Ms. Wilding has played a major role for the Department and the Cabinet with a great number of issues related to public health nursing and public health practice. I am pleased that the state's nurses acknowledged her contributions to the nursing profession in Kentucky."



### Procedures Update

The following procedures have been revised and/or added and can be viewed at <http://chsnet:2001/employees/procedures/>:

#### REVISED

Procurement Card	CHS #14003
In-State Meeting Requests	CHS #17002
Records Retention and Management	CHS #18001
Facilitator	CHS #20005

#### ADDED

Agency Mailed Checks (GA)	CHS #10005
Electronic Inquiries Containing	CHS #13002
Client Information or Requests for Services	
Speaker Agreements	CHS #17003
Biohazards in the Workplace	CHS #18006



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